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Hasel, et al.)
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Filed: November 4, 1998)
For: METHOD FOR INDEXING AND)
DETERMINING THE RELATIVE)
CONCENTRATION OF EXPRESSED)
MESSENGER RNA'S)

Examiner: J. Fredman
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Applicants submit this response in reply to the restriction requirement mailed on July 21, 2000. Applicants select Group I with traverse. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

The restriction requirement listed three groups of inventions:

Group I (Claims 1-36 and 42-72) stated to refer to methods of nucleic acid indexing;

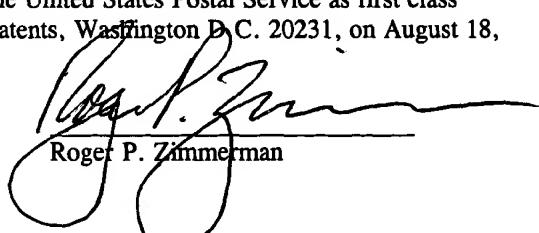
Group II (Claims 37-41) stated to refer to vectors; and

Group III (Claims 73 and 74) stated to refer to databases.

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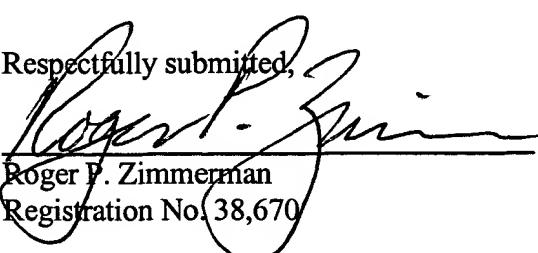

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Applicants respectfully submits that all groups are unified by the underlying technical feature of identifying a polynucleotide fragment of determinable length that is bounded at its 3' end by a poly(A) "tail" and bounded on its 5' end by at least a portion of a recognition site of a restriction endonuclease and an adjacent known sequence of 2-6 nucleotides that is produced by the method of Group I. The vectors of Group II comprise specifically engineered sequences that provide recognition sites for restriction endonucleases upstream of the bacteriophage-specific promoter site required for the practice of the method of Group I, as recited, e.g., in step (e) of claim 1. One of skill in the art would not choose such vectors for simple expression given the numerous vectors already conveniently available for that purpose. Similarly the databases of Group III are inherently linked to Group I, since they are limited to containing the data produced by claim 1, and therefore possess the above underlying technical feature.

For the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement based on the unity of invention provided by the stated technical feature.

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